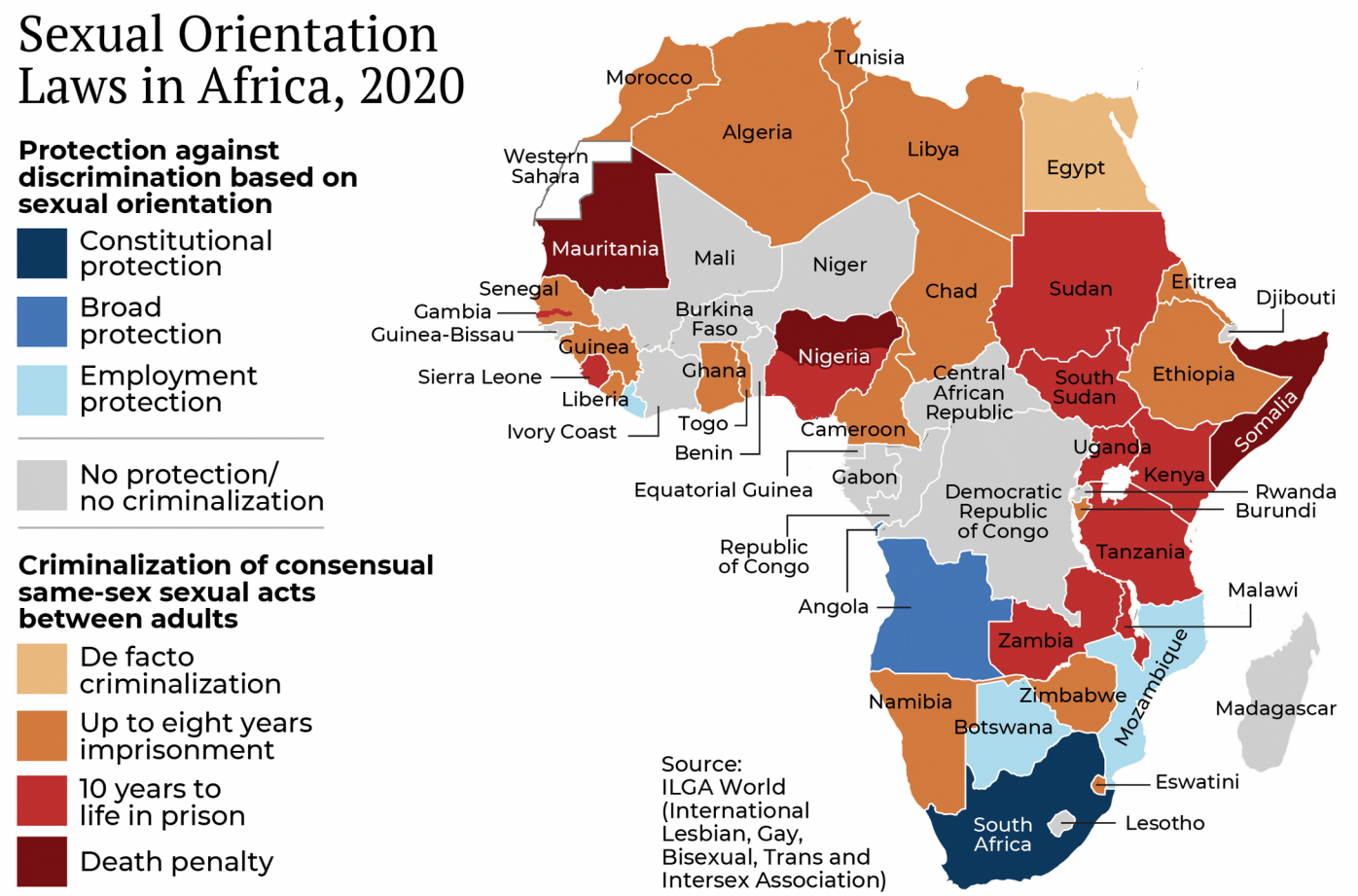

Sexual Orientation Laws in Africa, 2020

Protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation

Constitutional protection

Broad protection

Employment protection

No protection/no criminalization

Criminalization of consensual same-sex sexual acts between adults

De facto criminalization

Up to eight years imprisonment

10 years to life in prison

Death penalty

Benin

Togo

Ghana

Zambia

Namibia

Madagascar

Mozambique

Zimbabwe

Botswana

Angola

Gabon

South Sudan

Republic of the Congo

Cameroon

Tanzania

Kenya

Burundi

Rwanda

Djibouti

Somalia

Ethiopia

Uganda

Eritrea

Sudan

Chad

Niger

Nigeria

Nigeria

Guinea

Liberia

Tunisia

Morocco

Mauritania

Egypt

Algeria

Libya

Mali

Senegal

Guinea-Bissau

Sierra Leone

Gambia (CQ Ap style link)

Western Sahara

Côte D’ivoire

Swaziland

South Africa

Lesotho

Malawi

Democratic Republic of Congo

Cabinda

Equatorial Guinea

Central African Republic

Burkina Faso

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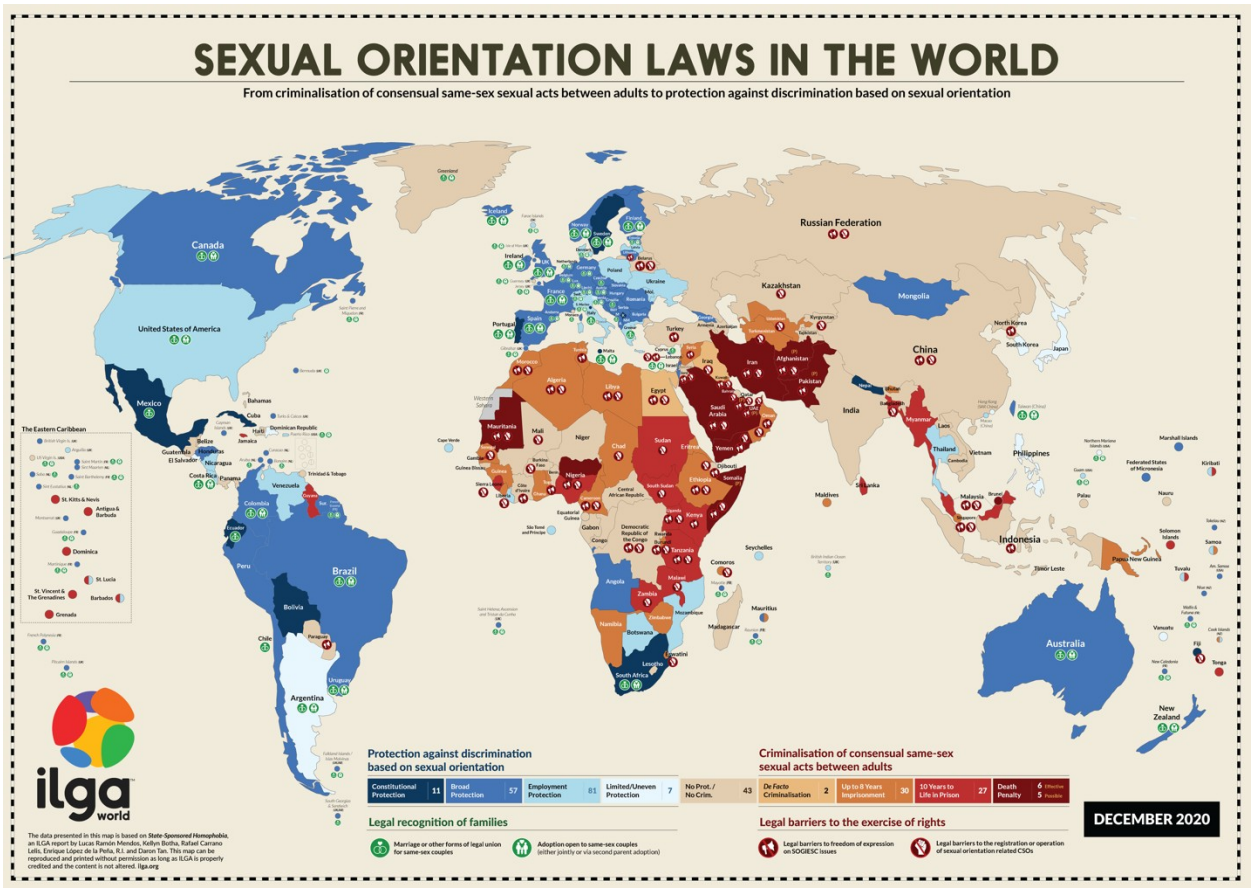
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From criminalisation of consensual same-sex sexual acts between adults to protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation
Canada
United States of America
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Russian Federation
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Indonesia
Protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation
Constitutional Protection 11
Broad Protection 57
Employment Protection 81
Limited/Uneven Protection 7
No Prot. / No Crim. 43
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Legal recognition of families
Marriage or other forms of legal union for same-sex couples
Adoption open to same-sex couples (either jointly or via second parent adoption)
Legal barriers to the exercise of rights
Legal barriers to freedom of expression on SOGIESC issues
Legal barriers to the registration or operation of sexual orientation related CSOs
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